Lowell Public Schools

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

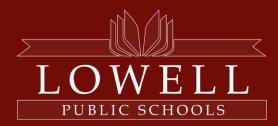
June 3, 2020





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CLOSE OF SCHOOL YEAR

- The last day of the 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, June 15.
- All schools buildings in the state will remain closed until then and remote learning instruction will continue for the rest of the school year.
- In place of traditional grades, students will earn a "credit" or "no credit" rating based on the degree to which students meet the learning expectations in their courses during this remote learning period.
- Each school will be reaching out to students, families and staff about times to collect their belongs as well as return any Lowell Public Schools-issued devices that were borrowed.



CENTRAL OFFICE RE-OPENING

- On May 19, Governor Baker released a four phase re-opening plan for the Commonwealth which included the allowance for MA businesses and organizations to reopen office spaces on May 25.
- In accordance with that guidance, LPS will adhere to the following parameters for each LPS work location for the months of June and July.
 - Phase 1: May 26 to July 4
 - Henry J. Mroz Administration Building, Family Resource Center and school sites remain open to essential onsite personnel only.
 - Phase 2: July 5 to August 1
 - Henry J. Mroz Administration Building, Family Resource Center and school sites are open to 12-month employees and those supporting summer programs.



GRADUATION

- The last day for seniors at Lowell High School was Friday, May 22.
- A team of students, staff and community members have been developing plans for different scenarios for graduation depending on the status of COVID-19 during the summer.
- The district recently received <u>graduation guidelines</u> from DESE with clear standards regarding live, outdoor graduations which can only be held after July 18th based on current health conditions.
- Following this guidance, LPS is hopeful for a date near the end of July or early August for an in-person, outdoor graduation which is the overwhelming preference of the senior class; A virtual graduation ceremony is a fall back option if health conditions worsen over the next two months.
- Given the late date of graduation, students will receive their diplomas in June prior to the ceremony rather than the typical distribution protocol of handing them out after the ceremony.



SUMMER PROGRAMS

- LPS is preparing to offer a full range of over 20 summer programs both academic and enrichment.
- Right now, we are planning on holding these programs remotely
- We anticipate that there may be an opportunity to hold sessions in person - or a hybrid of in person and remote - depending on guidance from the state for programs being implemented after June 29.
- Registration for IDEA Camp a hands-on, interactive opportunity for middle and high school students to explore topics in the field of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics)- starts June 1, and more information can be found here: https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/ideacamp.
- Additional summer offerings can be found on the district website: https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/summerprograms



MEAL SERVICE

- We are continuing to provide breakfast, lunch and weekend meals for students at 11 sites while school is closed: Bartlett, Butler, Greenhalge, Lincoln, Moody, Morey, Murkland, Pawtucketville, Robinson, STEM (Rogers) and Westminster Village Apartments
 - All students ages 2-18 are eligible for meal service
 - Students don't have to be present to pick up food. Meals can be picked up by a parent or neighbor.
- And as is the practice each year, meal service will continue through the summer and we will let you know once the locations and service times have been set.



NEW SCHOOL YEAR PLANNING

- A Return to School Task Force has been established and charged with designing scenario-based planning for return to school in the fall.
- This taskforce seeks to ensure the safety and support of every student and staff member while maintaining a commitment to academic excellence, equity, and engaging curriculum in the most responsive, efficient way possible.
- Using Department of Health guidelines, DESE recommendations, CDC school safety guidelines and the background and expertise of its participants, the task force will produce detailed plans for three potential scenarios:
 - Full, in-person instruction
 - Hybrid model of partial in-person instruction with a partial online/independent learning component
 - Remote instruction model with no in-person contact.



ONLINE REGISTRATION

- The online registration process for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and new students kicked on Tuesday, May 26, with over 750 applications submitted the first day.
- The first registration window will end June 30, 2020
- The lottery will take place in early July.
- Registration applications received <u>after</u> noon on June 30, 2020 will be placed on a wait list in the order in which the applications are received.



CENTRAL OFFICE & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER:

- While still closed to the public, all services are still being conducted remotely.
 - Central Office 978-674-4320
 - Family Resource Center 978-674-4321
 - Technology Helpline 978-674-2024 or <u>helpdesk@lowell.k12.ma.us</u>.
 - Online Form for General Inquiries